



Me aro koe ki te hā o Hineahuone
“Pay heed to the dignity of women”

**Te Puawaitanga
ki Ōtautahi Trust**

Mō tātou ā mō ngā uri ā muri ake nei
“For us and for those who will come after us”

MEDIA INVITATION

Weaving kaupapa to relaunch on Te Rā Mokopuna – National Safe Sleep Day

Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust is relaunching its wahakura wānanga / weaving workshops at Protection through Connection, a workshop for kaimahi / staff working with hapū whānau /pregnant families.

What: Protection through Connection, two-day hands-on wahakura wānanga / weaving workshop

When: 1st and 2nd December from 9am to 5pm

Where: Silhouette Dance Studios, Burnside

Who: Journalists are invited to attend to take photographs, meet participants and speak to the Trust’s Kaituitui, Maternity Connector and SUDI prevention coordinator

The 2nd of December is National Safe Sleep Day – Te Rā Mokopuna; a day to raise awareness about Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI), with the vision of reducing the rate in which it occurs in Aotearoa whānau / families and communities. SUDI is preventable and the risk factors for our pēpi / babies can be significantly reduced, should the right steps be implemented. Providing culturally appropriate safe sleep spaces is one way to mitigate the risks of SUDI.

The Trust will open wahakura wānanga to the public again in the new year after needing to put the workshops on hold during the pandemic. Our group of kairaranga / weavers will work under the guidance of Taua Daphne O’Connell (Kai Tahu) to support whānau to complete their wahakura for pēpi during the two days. No prior weaving experience is required.

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ABOUT

Te Puawaitanga ki Ōtautahi Trust is a kaupapa Māori community trust providing a range of high impact health, education, social and community services. Established by the Ōtautahi Branch of the Māori Women’s Welfare League, our services support whānau across the different stages of life.

Our vision is of safe, healthy and connected whānau securing positive futures for all generations.

